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WASHINGTON ADVTs.

Mark-Down Sale

—OF—

Children's Spring Coats,

And a great reduction made in prices of Jot Wraps, Morning Wraps and Plain Cloth Wraps.

To reduce our stock of Children's Coats and to draw parents' attention to this department, we have a lot of Coats, ages from 2 to 9 years, which have been selling at \$3, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, \$5.75, \$6, \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50, \$7.75, \$8 and \$8.75.

HAVE MARKED THEM DOWN TO \$2, and another lot we have MARKED DOWN TO \$3, \$4 and \$5.

Parents to avail themselves of this remarkable bargain should call early.

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WM. H. SMITH & CO., Dealers in and Packers of

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Having bought out the outfit of S. J. Reed, are now prepared to furnish the trade with Fish in bulk or by the barrel, half barrel and kits.

Having been in the business for a long time, they think they can give entire satisfaction to any who may favor them with their orders.

Country orders solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.

Our brand of BARBELED FISH has always been No. 1 in the market.

Stalls Nos. 2 and 3 City Market, and Fish House No. 1 Corporation Fish Wharf. (buld 2m)

BUILDING MATERIAL, &c.

PERRY, SMOOT & CO.

Steam Flooring & Planing Mill

Manufacturers of

DOOR and WINDOW FRAMES, MOLDINGS, &c.

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Lumber delivered in the city free.

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FLOORING, DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, FRAMES, MOLDINGS, MANTELS, BRACKETS AND ALL KINDS OF WOOD WORK.

Office and yard No. 21 North Union St. Factory Nos. 13 and 15 North Lee St., Alexandria, Va. No charge for delivery in city. (buld 2m)

John T. Creighton & Son,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

HARDWARE AND CUTLERY.

NO. 55 KING, CORNER OF ROYAL STREET.

Have on hand a very large and well-assorted stock of goods in their line.

Country merchants are invited to call and examine before purchasing.

Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see. (ap12)

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DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, HARDWARE, PAINTS

AND LEADS, CEMENT, LUMBER, LIME,

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Corner King and Pitt streets, Alexandria, Va. (buld 2m)

JAMES F. CARLIN & SONS,

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Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

HARDWARE AND CUTLERY.

Buildings Hardware, Locks, Hinges, Screws, Bolts, Latches, &c., Saddlery, Hardware, Bells, Bits, Buckles, Rings, Hames, &c., &c., &c.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Table Carving, and Butcher Knives, &c., Guns, Pistols, &c. A full and complete stock of first-class goods always in store and sold at lowest cash prices. (aug15)

BRICK.

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CAROLINA HEAD RICE received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

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The Sacred Mountain Traditions and Superstitions.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

AMACAMECA, Mexico, April 22, 1887.—

This little town is located about fifty miles southeast of the City of Mexico, and about fifteen miles from the Mount Popocatepetl.

It was founded but a few years after the conquest, and has now about six thousand inhabitants. Everything here is decidedly ancient, and being located in the terracalientes, or hot lands, there is but little use for much shelter or extra clothing; hence we find many of the frail habitations built of cane and corn stalk walls, with arched or beehive roofs. Others are built of adobe and covered with thatch, maguery, or palm leaves, while the finest in the city are built of solid masonry and covered with concrete roofs, which are completely fire and water proof; yet many of the latter are constructed with slope roofs and rafters and covered with home-made shingles. These are kept in place by means of weight poles tied down with raw hides, and the rafters are kept in place by the same means. In others there is a hole burned or bored through shingle and sheathing and a pin driven in and wedged above and below when a real neat job is desired to be done. Thus the people seem not to have learned the use of nails yet. In the houses we rarely see any other than a dirt floor with wooden stools for chairs, a bull-rush mat for a bed on the ground floor and goat skin bags for bottles, gourds and coconut shells for glasses, wooden spoons and forks, and earthen ware for pots, pans and plates. The streets of the city are narrow, but sufficiently wide for all the commerce of the place. Most of the population go bare-footed or wear sandals, and on the whole we find them clean, very polite and rather accommodating. Their cleanliness is, perhaps, owing to the fact that in the centre of almost every street there is a clear, cool stream of flowing water direct from the snowy mountains, and this alone is the salvation of the place, as they are without rain for six months in the year. Many of the houses are white-washed, and being without front yards or windows and nearly all joined, the streets appear like narrow lanes between two white walls. There are some beautiful little gardens here, where the people raise about enough to support themselves.

As we rambled in the suburbs we found wooden forks and reap hooks used in the hay fields, if an acre of grass might be called a field. All this hay is taken to market on the backs of mules, Indians and donkeys. Wood, stone, corn, sheep, goats and hogs are shipped in the same way. The method of shipping live stock is to put one on each side of the burro and one on top; then tie the whole securely, and set out for the market. In hauling heavy timber or lumber, one end is tied to the pack saddle and the other end is trailed on the ground. The city is nearly three hundred and seventy-five years old, and of course is rich in tradition and superstition, and being desirous to learn something of it, I secured a guide and ascended the "Sacred Mountain," at the foot of which I saw a large cock-pit, and close by an extensive building, both of which absorb everything else in the way of business on Sunday. Even the church services are postponed that all may attend these barbarous entertainments; but this is easily explained when we learn that the fight was gotten up for the benefit of the Holy Church of the Sacred Blood of Jesus; so the means are supposed to justify the ends and all are supposed to be doing God's service by going. Leaving these we enter a long paved paseo, or walk, that leads to the summit of the Sacred Mountain. Along the way there are a number of stations represented by beautiful stone pillars, on the face of which there are Spanish inscriptions telling of the sacredness of that very spot, and then follows a short prayer, which the faithful are supposed to repeat. The first of these stations informs the visitor that this is the "very spot" where the Saviour received his cross in the ascent up the sacred mount, on top of which he was crucified. Next we see the "very spot" where He fell beneath its weight the first, second and third times. Next we are shown where He was struck, then crowned with thorns and finally the spot where He was crucified and placed in the sepulchre. The latter is in the church on the summit and is placed in the centre of the altar. There is the body as when taken from the cross, covered with blood and gashed with cuts and wounds, from which the blood is falling in great drops. There are two beautiful cherubs guarding the body in the sepulchre, while the canopy is hung round about with gold and tinsel ornaments, and the whole is lined with pure white linen. This image is worshipped with the most fervent devotion, and is said to have power to, and has performed unnumbered miracles, many of which are testified to by the small paintings on the walls of the church, giving the scene of the miracle, with name, place and date of its performance. Under one of these churches there is a dark cave, where the remains of a saint are said to be deposited. The corpse may yet be seen, and it too has power of relics and wonders, and receives many gifts of relics and flowers. And any one who will enter the cave and rub the body with these flowers will receive a cure for any disease, rest their weary limbs, and will further secure to the pilgrim a safe return home without money; and in one of the published accounts we learn that there is an underground passage from the Sacred Mount to

the city of Rome, through which the sacred relics offered for sale are sent direct from the holy city, and hence are eagerly sought for by all the pilgrims, who are met here every day in the year, bowed before the shrine. On the summit, in the rear of one of the churches, there is a graveyard, on the tombs and graves of which we find many printed and hieroglyphic Aztec inscriptions, the whole marked with crosses and santos, indicating a very confused combination of religious truths, interwoven with Aztec idolatry and superstition; hence a pure and uncorrupted religion is not to be expected among a half-civilized and half-ignorant people, who are more to be pitied than censured.

RAMBLER. P. S.—From here I begin the ascent to the summit and crater of the highest volcano on the globe, the scenes and hardships of which I will give in my next.

When everything else fails, Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures.

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AMUSEMENTS.

THE ANNUAL DRILL OF

Mrs. LITTLE'S CALISTHENIC CLASS

Will take place at Lannon's Opera House

WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 11th, at 8 o'clock.

Tickets for sale at Wardell & Hall's drug store, ap30 1d

LANNON'S OPERA HOUSE.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 6th, 1887.

SECOND ANNUAL CONCERT

OF THE

Alexandria Choral Union,

Assisted by the Celebrated Soloists.

Miss EDNA GRAY, of New York city, and

Mr. WARREN S. YOUNG, of Washington.

Admission 25c. Reserved seats 10c extra; to be secured at Summers & Allen's after April 30th.

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Offer for sale on easy terms the following desirable city and country property:

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Two-story frame dwelling and lot King street, between Payne and West.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot s. e. corner Columbus and Orange streets.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot north side of Prince, between Lee and Union.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot Queen street, bet. Fayette and Henry.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot Fayette street, between Prince and Duke.

Three-story frame dwelling and lot store adjoining s. e. corner Fairfax and Gibson.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot Patrick street, between Prince and Duke.

Six two-story frame dwellings s. e. corner Alfred and Gibson streets.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot Fairfax street, between Prince and Duke.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot Columbus street, between Prince and Duke.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot King street, bet. Washington and Columbus.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot of ground Duke street, between Columbus and Alfred.

Four-story brick dwelling, stables and lots n. w. cor. Cameron and St. Asaph streets.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot s. w. corner Royal and Duke streets.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot Duke street, bet. Royal and Pitt.

Three-story brick dwelling and lot Washington st., between Prince and Duke.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot Union street, bet. Duke and Wolfe.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot Union street, bet. Duke and Wolfe.

Two-story frame dwelling and lots Fairfax st., between Queen and Cameron.

VACANT LOTS.

Three-story brick store King, bet. Fairfax and Royal.

Three-story brick dwelling Queen, bet. Pitt and St. Asaph.

Two houses and lots St. Asaph, bet. Princess and Oranoco.

Two houses and lots s. w. corner Queen and Lee.

House and lot s. w. corner Royal and Queen.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot s. w. corner Prince and Alfred.

Lots Gibson, between Royal and Fairfax.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot s. w. corner Pendleton and Columbus, bet. Oranoco and Pendleton.

Seven lots between Prince and Pendleton.

Five lots between Prince and Prince.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot between Prince and Duke.

Lot Wythe, between Pitt and Royal.

Lot Henry, between Duke and Prince.

Lot 34 s. w. corner Alfred and Wolfe.

Two-story brick dwelling and lot between Prince and Duke.

Lot 14 s. w. corner Pendleton and Wythe.

Ten lots Duke, west of West street.

Two-story frame dwelling and lot between Prince and Duke.

Lots n. e. corner Queen and Fairfax.

FARM PROPERTY.

A large number of DESIRABLE FARMS in Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties. (ap23 1m)

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.

ELIGIBLE BUILDING LOTS

In square bounded by Queen, West and Payne sts.

This block has been sub-divided, and lots are now offered for sale.

A water main runs in front of Payne street lots.